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Davie County COVID-19 Response Fund to Support Non-Profits on the Front Lines

Ten days ago, Davie High Hunger Fighters served students at the high school. Now the group is packing food boxes for almost 700 children and their families in Davie County Schools on a weekly basis.

During a crisis, non-profit organizations like DHHF are on the front lines and expected to do much more, typically with fewer resources. The coronavirus (COVID-19) is having a profound effect on our community. These organizations need our help and support to be able to serve our children, families, and the community in these extraordinary times.

In response, the **Davie Community Foundation** and the **Mebane Charitable Foundation** have each contributed **\$50,000** to establish the **Davie County COVID-19 Response Fund with \$100,000** to support local non-profit organizations and agencies that are meeting the immediate needs created by the coronavirus.

“We have no idea what all the needs are right now, or what they might look like a week, a month, three months or a year from now, but this fund is being set up with one main goal, and that is to be there for our community and non-profits, as new needs arise in the coming days and months,” said Larry Colbourne, president of the Mebane Foundation.

Davie County non-profit organizations and agencies providing a “safety net” for families during this difficult economic situation may submit a short application for grants of up to \$5,000. The application can be found on the Davie Community Foundation’s website under the grants tab. These funds may be used for organizational capacity or direct services to/for the children and families they serve.

The Davie Community Foundation will administer the fund and oversee the application process. A community committee of representatives from both foundations, Davie County Schools, and the non-profit sector will make grant decisions to ensure a quick response.

There are many organizations that will soon be serving more members of our community as K-12 schools remain closed, local businesses close, and we all work to avoid groups of ten or more.

Other community organizations currently serving on the front lines include:

Just Hope which has stepped up to deliver the meals the school system is preparing to more than 27 children who have no way to pick them up. The round trip takes more than 4 hours each day as they travel all around the county and they fully expect those numbers to increase. Their office and thrift store are currently closed which means their donations and funding are on hold.

A Storehouse for Jesus which is offering curbside pickup for client prescription refills. They also have drive around service to pick up food bags based upon family size. Current clients are tracked through their ID#. Approximately 20 new clients were added during the first week of the schools closing as other food pantries were depleted. They expect this number to continue to rise. All other ministries have been temporarily discontinued.

Family Promise of Davie County which has been told to “shelter in place” with the families they are serving. Because of the limited space in the Day Center home and their inability to use their church partners, two families are staying in a local motel at the expense of Family Promise.

The need is great and growing! All aspects of our community will be impacted, from young children to seniors, before we see significant improvement.

“We know that \$100,000 will not be enough, so we are looking for other partners to join with us,” said Jane Simpson, president & CEO of the Davie Community Foundation. “We all need to give where we live! Please consider a gift of any size as we work together to be as our Chamber of Commerce puts it, “Davie Strong”!”

YOU CAN GIVE BY:

Credit Card: Give online at <https://www.daviefoundation.org/donate/>

Check: Payable to Davie Community Foundation should be mailed to the Foundation at PO Box 546, Mocksville, NC 27028 & marked COVID-19 in the memo section

DCF donor-advised fundholders: Request a grant through the DCF website using your pin # or reach out to Melissa O'Connor at the Foundation Office; moconnor@daviefoundation.org

Every dollar contributed goes to support the community! No administrative fees will be applied.